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1. People's Defense. The headquarters for the District People's Defense is in Postumia. The districts of Senossecchia, Postumia and Rakek depend on this headquarters. Each of these districts has local stations in the villages under its control. The headquarters of this detachment is in the former barracks of the Carabinieri Reali, which has been renovated since the war and has had a prison wing added to it.
2. District People's Committee. The headquarters of the District People's Committee is located in Postumia. It has administrative control over the District Committees of Senossecchia (Senozece), Postumia, and Rakek.
3. Military Installations.

- a. In Postumia is the headquarters of the 1 Proletarian Division, which is quartered in the former Grand Hotel, owned by the Sclapsa e Sicla Society (Windischgraetz). Infantry regiments and attached troops of this Division are stationed in Prestane (Prestanek), San Pietro del Carso (Sent Peter Na Krasu), Vipacco (Viprava), Aidussina (Ajdovscina), Villa del Nevoso, Postumia, Rakek, Idria (Idrija) and Longatico (Logatec). In Postumia, the troops are billeted in two large barracks. The first is on the highway 50X1-HUM northwest of the town near the crossroads leading to Otocco Grande. During the war it was used as a military hospital [redacted] but has since been converted into a barracks. The second barracks is located on the road north of town in the direction of Planina. These two barracks were damaged considerably during the war but now are completely rebuilt. The former Guardia di Finanza barracks on the eastern edge of Postumia are now being used as a military hospital although poorly adapted for this purpose. Married officers are billeted in requisitioned houses and apartments throughout the town.
- b. An ammunition dump is located north of the city on the road leading to San Pietro del Carso a short distance before the crossroad to Zallog. Prior to 1948 ammunition was stored in the open meadows but since then isolated groups of sheds have been constructed for this purpose.
- c. The emergency landing fields in the areas of Architeni, Vipacco, and Aidussina are kept in good condition. However, no hard surface runways have been built.

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4. UDB. The main offices of the UDB are in the Zanier-Magnossi Villa on the street of the same name. Additional offices are located in Via l Maggio (ex Via Rismondo) and in the Villa Soban opposite the Paternost Hotel. UDB personnel has been reduced almost 50 percent during the past few months. Those who have remained in the service pay little attention to individual criticism of the economy or the regime but take action if they think the individuals are part of an organized conspiracy. The local UDB is known to facilitate the obtaining of travel permits for people desiring to visit Gorizia and Trieste in exchange for cooperation in gathering information and service as couriers.
5. Industries. The principal industry of the region is timber production and the Government operates three large saw mills in the city. The forests are exploited, however, without serious consideration to the future, and the reforestation project is inadequate. Forest rangers who tried to enforce reforestation laws have been subjected to harsh treatment. Several were imprisoned on charges of sabotage because they tried to make the local authorities understand the necessity for regulating wood-cutting.
6. Legend to attached map of Postumia:
  - 1) Barracks for artillery unit.
  - 2) Barracks for infantry unit.
  - 3) Former barracks of the Finance Guards, now used as a military hospital.
  - 4) Former barracks of the Carabinieri Reali, now used by the Difesa Popolare.
  - 5) Former Grand Hotel, which is now the headquarters of an infantry division, possibly the 1 Proletarian Division.
  - 6) Temporary barracks for troops in transit.
  - 7) Divilian hospital.
  - 8) Headquarters of the District People's Committee.
  - 9) Headquarters for the City People's Committee.
  - 10) Office used by the Ministry of Liberated Territories.
  - 11) Yugoslav Communist Party Headquarters.
  - 12) Former Villa Kobsa which is now used by UDB with a prison wing.
  - 13) Former Villa Magnoni, now used by UDB.
  - 14) Headquarters of the District People's Defense.
  - 15) Office building used by Ministry of Liberated Territories.
  - 16) People's Court.
  - 17) Former Villa Soban, now used by UDB.
  - 18), 19), 20). Government-owned sawmills.
  21. Government-owned flour mill.

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